



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

AKIO TAKAHASHI Serial No: 09/944,239 Filed: August 31, 2001

For: BACKGROUND NOISE ELIMINATING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM REALIZING

SUCH METHOD

Art Unit: 2857

Examiner: Paul L. Kim

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rule 136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a 1-month extension of time extending to December 3, 2003, the period for response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2003. A check for \$110.00 and the responsive paper(s) are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1805. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

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